



Spy Pond Committee

Date: Tuesday, March 7th, 2023
Time: 7:30pm
Location: Teleconference

Minutes

Attendance: *Brad Barber, Brian Battuello, Dick Terry, Stroker Rogovin, Bill Eykamp, Rachel Oliveri*

Facilitator: Brad Barber
Minutes: Brian Battuello

1. February minutes

Approved

2. Introductions

All members introduced themselves. Guest Rachel Oliveri is the Sustainability Coordinator for the Arlington Public Schools.

3. Fertilizer flyer distribution for 2023

Dick Terry said that flyer distribution will start as soon as flyers are received, starting on the north side of Mass Ave. He hasn't gotten firm commitments from the scouts or the school system, but hopes to hear soon.

Last year we distributed 7,000 flyers. We placed an initial order this year for 4,500, which will cost \$1300, paid by the Town. Rachel will help coordinate with the schools. Ideally distribution should run mid-March through April.

4. Spy Pond Trails Day

Stroker reported plans for placing of new dogwoods. Two people from the Boston trail groups will assist in planting, along with several other volunteers. The scouts and cubs will also assist. The budget is higher because we are buying larger plants and ground cover. Total budget will be under \$400. MassDOT has pledged up to \$500, along with several other donors. We need to reapply for a permit from MassDOT. Brad will coordinate. Brian and Brad will coordinate snacks. Brad will handle the permission slips.

5. Ice Report

There were several instances of thin ice. There is now no ice. It isn't likely that there will be more ice.

6. Update on Spy Pond NOI

The Conservation Commission is responsible for water quality in Arlington. Brad attended a hearing where they reviewed plans for Spy Pond plant management. The conditions and restrictions have been approved. There will be an update next Thursday. Herbicides will be used only when the plants are 2-3 feet high. More detailed mapping will be used this year.

7. New Business

Arlington/Belmont crew has a new head coach, and Brad will meet with the coach, Ellis Evans-Brown.

Brad reported on the recent death of a bald eagle from rat poisoning, along with an owl and three owlets.

10. Adjournment at 8:21pm